

GG0130A. Eating

A. Eating: The ability to use suitable utensils to bring food and/or liquid to the mouth and swallow food and/or liquid once the meal is placed before the patient.

Assessment Timepoints

Admission:

- Admission performance.
- Discharge goal.

Discharge:

- Discharge performance.



Eating Inclusions and Exclusions for Coding

Included:

- All food and liquids.
- All diets taken by mouth, including mechanically altered.
- Setup and cleanup of the meal.

Excluded:

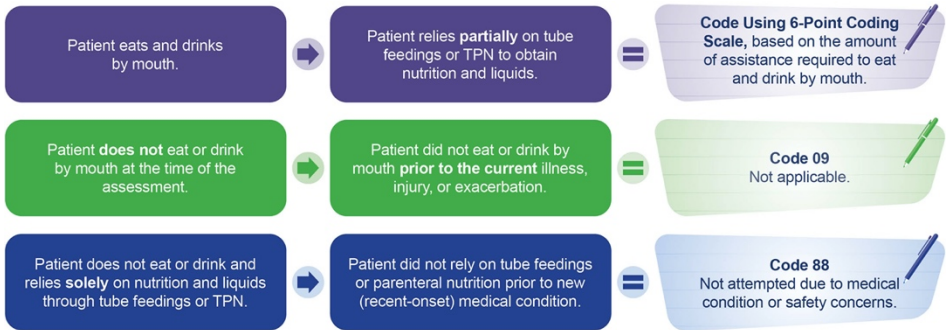
- Assistance with or administration of tube feedings, parenteral nutrition, or total parenteral nutrition (TPN).

Coding Tips

The activity of eating involves bringing food and liquids to the mouth using suitable utensils, and swallowing food and/or liquids once the meal is placed before the patient.

Examples

The following graphic provides clinical examples for coding **GG0130A. Eating**, based on the patient's oral intake and need for tube feedings, parenteral nutrition, or TPN.



Clinical Considerations

- The eating activity may be completed with or without the use of adaptive eating utensils and assistive device(s).
- Code **05, Setup or clean-up assistance**, if the helper assists only *prior to or following* the eating activity but not during the activity. For example, the patient requires assistance cutting up food or opening containers.
- If a modified consistency meal is placed before the patient and the patient can bring the food to their mouth using suitable utensils and swallows the food and/or liquid safely, code **06, Independent**.
- If the patient was not able to complete the activity prior to the benefit of services, use patient/caregiver report, collaboration with other hospital staff, or assessment of similar activities to determine the appropriate performance code.